CHAPTER 11

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES



Troy Municipal Building 100 South Market Street



INTRODUCTION

As the county seat, the City of Troy has a much greater proportion of governmental, institutional, educational, religious, and recreational facilities than any other community in Miami County. These enhance the daily lives of Troy's citizens and provide services beyond the city limits to all residents of Miami County. A majority of the facilities offered by the City of Troy are classified under public use and are open to all residents. These include major educational and governmental facilities. The City of Troy has and will continue to invest significant resources to provide excellent facilities and services.

GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

Troy Municipal Building

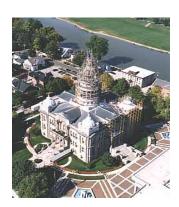
The Troy Municipal Building, also known as City Hall, is conveniently located at 100 South Market Street, one block south of the Public Square. This office facility, which was originally constructed in 1876, has three floors and houses many city services, including the City Council Chambers, the Mayor, Director of Public Service and Safety, City Auditor, Personnel, Income Tax, Engineering, Public Works, Utility Billing and Collection, and Planning and Development.

Starting in 1999 and continuing through 2001, a major addition and renovation project was completed at the Municipal Building. One of the goals of the remodeling was to honor the building's past heritage while redeveloping work areas to be compatible with business operations of the 21st Century. Changes included a new 1,350 square foot public entry, new City Council Chambers, an elevator/stair addition for handicap accessibility, complete mechanical and electrical system replacement, including new fire alarm and fire sprinkler systems. Both the exterior and interior improvements were designed to match with elements from a much earlier time.

The adjacent buildings at 114 and 116 S. Market Street were purchased in 2002 to accommodate expansion for future city government offices or other community needs.

Miami County Courthouse

Construction of Miami's Pride, as the Miami County Courthouse has sometimes been called, was started in 1885 and completed in 1888. It replaced an 1840 courthouse, which had been outgrown following the great growth of Miami County following the American Civil War. The structure's façade resembles the Neo-Renaissance style and includes an 85-foot diameter cast iron dome at the top which resembles the dome on the United States Capitol in Washington D.C. This dome is one of five such major cast iron domes that exist in the United States.



For many years, the Miami County Courthouse was home to almost all county government offices. By the 1970s, the facility was very crowded, and some offices had been relocated to other sites. A new building was constructed nearby, but the courthouse retained its central importance and identity. Some utilitarian renovation was accomplished at the same time as the construction of the new building. On June 13, 1975, the Miami County Courthouse was named to the National Register of Historic Places making it eligible for federal funds for restoration and renovation. In November of 1982, a three-phase, six and a half year renovation was finished. The renovations included dome repairs, façade restoration from the ground up to the domes, and interior restoration.

The Miami County Courthouse continued to house the lower courts and ancillary county service offices. As the building continued to age, the Miami County Commissioners considered how best to preserve or replace it. Because of its importance to the identity of the entire Miami County populace, a temporary county-wide tax was supported to fund the repairs. From 1996 to 1998, the Courthouse underwent an extensive restoration that will continue the beauty and grandeur for generations to come. The five million dollar restoration program extensively refurbished the cast iron dome, the four corner domes, the slate roof, the pavilions, the bell, the clockworks, and even the statuary, as well as replacing the existing lightning protection system, providing exterior lighting, and painting and finishing the building in its original colors.

The Miami County Courthouse continues dominate the Troy skyline and makes an important statement of the stability and stature of Troy.

Miami County Safety Building

Due to the problem of extreme overcrowding in the Courthouse and County Jail in the 1960s, office space and a new jail were needed. On August 23, 1972, as part of the Courthouse renovations, the jail and Sheriff's offices were demolished to make room for a new building. A three-story office building connected to a new jail was built and is now known as the Miami County Safety Building. The building officially opened in 1974 and houses the County Administrative offices. The Safety Building houses the Common Pleas Courts, the Miami County Jail, and offices of several elected officials including the County Commissioners, Sheriff, Prosecutor, Recorder, Treasurer, and Auditor.

Hobart Center for County Government

By 2000, the Safety Building was itself, being outgrown. In addition, citizens continued to have difficulty visiting offices there due to the extreme shortage of off-street parking. The County Commissioners continued the capital improvement work begun with the Courthouse renovation by purchasing the office part of the Hobart Brothers plant on West Water Street, along with its relatively large parking lot. Extensive remodeling converted the building to offices for several county departments formerly housed at the Safety Building, including Health, Building Inspection, Zoning Inspection, and other

Miami County employees who needed to be easily accessible to the general public, but were not directly involved with the courts or the Commissioners.

Troy Police Department

As part of the continuing capital improvement of Troy city facilities, a new Police Department building was constructed at the southwest corner of Mulberry and Main Streets. Police headquarters is now a modern, well-equipped building that houses all police operations and a three-hour prisoner



holding area. The new building was located in Downtown Troy for its central location and to preserve the connection between the Police Department and the community. The new building was designed in an historic style complementary to the surrounding historic neighborhood. Occasional visitors sometimes comment how nice it is that an "old Downtown Troy building" had been saved and converted for police use!

The Troy Police Department is divided into three sections: Detective, Patrol, and Administration. A Captain, three detectives, and three DARE/School Resource Officers (SRO) staff the Detective section. The Patrol section includes the police officers that citizens see on a daily basis. A Captain and six Sergeants supervise patrol operations in three shifts of up to ten officers, 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. The Administrative section provides radio communication and information management for patrol officers and is the public information office for citizens. The Department has a fleet of eight marked cruisers and a fleet of unmarked and specialty vehicles. The staff consists of 43 sworn officers and 6 civilian employees.

The Troy Police Department is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. Not all police departments have received this honor and recognition. The accreditation process is an in-depth study of all of the policies and procedures used by the department. The study involves areas such as management, direction and control, patrol and investigative functions. By achieving this status, the Troy Police Department continues to be recognized as a progressive and professional organization. Troy's accreditation was fully renewed in 2003.

Troy Fire Department

The mission of the Troy Fire Department is to prevent harm to citizens, their property and the environment. A comprehensive system of prevention, education, response and mitigation is used to fulfill this mission. The Department also provides fire protection and emergency medical services to rural Concord and Staunton Townships, as well as

EMS services to Casstown. Mutual aid is also provided to surrounding communities and townships. Fire prevention activities include building inspections, code enforcement, plans review, issuing permits, underground storage tank inspections, annual testing of fire hydrants, and fire investigations.

Community programs such as the Fire Fighter Phil Fire Safety Program are offered for all Kindergarten through 5th grade students in all Troy Elementary Schools. The Fire Safety Trailer visits all Troy 3rd grades in October during Fire Prevention Week. A Juvenile Fire Setter Program is also available to help counsel those in need. In 1994 the Troy Fire Department initiated and maintained the Paramedic Bike Program, which shortened response times by as much as three to five minutes. The Bike Program has experienced huge success with the direct public contact, especially during public events. The Troy Fire Department is also unusual in that each firefighter is also certified as a paramedic.

In March 2003, the Troy Fire Department hired Architectural Resources Corporation to conduct a survey of the Department's long-term needs, trends, and high risk areas as well as department response time. It was found that additional thoroughfare improvements and additional stations would need to be built because of the difficulty in covering all parts of the community within the critical response time. A summary of the study findings is in the Appendices to this Comprehensive Plan. The current location of the stations is as follows:

Station 1 is located just south of downtown at 19 East Race Street. It was opened in 1966 and was the only Fire Department facility for many years. This station houses the majority of the apparatus, as well as administrative offices. Engine 1, Aerial Tower 1, Tanker 1, and Medic 1 all respond from this station. Reserve Engine 4, Reserve Medic 4, the Air Trailer, and Rescue Boats 1 and 3 are also kept at this station. A Platoon Commander and five firefighter/paramedics are assigned to this station daily.

Station 2 is located north of the Great Miami River at 998 North Market Street. This station was opened in 1974 and was remodeled in 1985. Engine 2 and Medic 2 respond from this facility. Rescue Boat 2 is also kept at this station. There are three firefighter/paramedics assigned to this station each day.

Station 3 is located west of I-75 at 40 South Stanfield Road. This station was built in 1995 in response to new residential, commercial, and industrial development on the city's western side. Engine 3 and Medic 3 respond from this facility. The Miami County Haz-Mat Response Vehicle and the Special Rescue Trailer also are kept at this station. Three firefighter/paramedics are assigned to this station each day.

RECREATION AND SPORTS

The Troy community enjoys a wide range of high-quality recreational and sports facilities. These are so important to the community that a continuing program of capital improvement and parks expansion has continued in Troy for many decades. A

complete description of parks and recreation programs is included in the following Chapter 12 of this Comprehensive Plan. A separate, detailed park development plan was also prepared in 1990 and individual park construction plans have been prepared since then.

MUSEUMS AND CULTURE

Overfield Tavern

The oldest building in Troy is Overfield Tavern. In 1803, Benjamin Overfield first settled

along the banks of the Great Miami River in what would someday become Troy. By September of 1808, Benjamin had apparently completed construction of the two-story log building that has survived to this day. He obtained the first tavern license in Troy and later offered his tavern as a meeting place for the courts until a courthouse could be built. In 1966 the Overfield Tavern Museum was opened to the public under the direction of the Troy Historical Society.



Many of the furnishings of the period have been added by the Society. The Tavern is owned and maintained by the Overfield Tavern Museum Corporation.

Museum of Troy History

Across Mulberry Street from Overfield Tavern, the Museum of Troy History at 124 East Water Street includes exhibits on the history of Troy and Miami County. The building itself is a restored pre-Civil War house with rotating exhibits on topics such as sports, religion, and health care. These rotating presentations join a permanent exhibition on food preservation, canning and period furniture. Special activities include a July Ice Cream Social, an Annual Tour of Homes in October, and a Christmas Open House.

Troy-Hayner Cultural Center

In 1942, Mary Jane (Harter-Coleman) Hayner left her mansion home at 301 West Main Street to the Troy Board of Education to be used for a library, museum, or other educational purposes. Mrs. Hayner had been the widow of William Hayner, owner of the Troy-based Hayner Distillery. She loved to travel and had filled her home with many treasures from foreign lands. Initially, the mansion became the home for an expanded Troy-Miami County Public Library. By 1976,



the library had outgrown the building and moved to a new location a block away on Main Street. At that time, Mrs. Hayner's splendid mansion was placed on the National Register of Historic Places and plans were made to turn the building into a community cultural center. Renovations began at once and in December of 1976, the first open

house was held. Community groups and local businesses such as the Afternoon Garden Club and the Hobart Corporation were instrumental in donating time, equipment, and materials.

The Troy-Hayner Cultural Center hosts art exhibits, concerts, classes, public meetings, and weddings. The Carriage House has become art studios and the courtyard provides a perfect setting for dramas, dances, and other summer performances. The former servants' quarters have been transformed into staff offices.

Troy Hall of Fame

The Troy Hall of Fame has been established to honor outstanding citizens of Troy. To be considered, a candidate must have significantly excelled beyond the normal requirements of his or her chosen field of endeavor and/or made a significant contribution to the City of Troy which has a positive impact on the quality of life shared by the citizens of Troy. The special achievement or contribution must not only bring honor to the individual but also, by extension, to the City of Troy on a national, regional or local basis. The Troy Hall of Fame museum is housed in Hobart Arena. The Troy Hall of Fame was a project of the Troy Daily News with funding support from the Troy Foundation. Troy Hall of Fame members include pioneer aviator and industrialist Clayton J. Brukner, NASA Astronaut Nancy Decker Currie, several members of the Hobart family, and other local citizens who have helped make Troy a better place.

WACO Museum

The aviation legacy of Clayton J. Brukner lives on at the WACO Museum, located at 105 South Market Street, in Downtown Troy. In the 1930s, Mr. Bruckner's WACO airplanes made Troy the light civilian airplane manufacturing capital of the world. WACO planes were reliable, strong, and became the favorite of aerial acrobats and serious pilots. The company's sales motto was, "Ask any pilot."

The museum is operated by the WACO Historical Society. It displays artifacts from WACO's earliest days of making one-of-a-kind planes, through the glory years of the 1930s, with mass-produced open-cockpit and cabin biplanes, and on into WWII with combat gliders. The company was most famous for the CG-4A, the most widely used United States troop/cargo glider of WW II. That glider was instrumental in the allied invasion of Sicily in July of 1943 and the D-Day assault in France on June 6, 1944.

Thanks to several important collections that have been donated, the museum has literally thousands of photos and documents, many on display, and others that are available to researchers. Aircraft parts and WACO memorabilia are also there to see, including brochures, service manuals, company newsletters, wind tunnel models and more.

The WACO Historical Society also operates the WACO Field, located just south of Troy. More information about the airfield it is included in Chapter 12, Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces.

SCHOOLS

A majority of the land in the city limits of Troy is located within the boundaries of the Troy City School District. A small portion of northeast Troy extends into the Miami East Local School District. Private education, in addition to public, is also offered to residents at five separate school facilities.

Troy City Schools

The stated mission of the Troy City Schools, in partnership with the community, is to provide a quality education so students can become productive and responsible citizens. Encompassing a total of 367 square miles in Miami County, the Troy City School District serves residents in the City of Troy, rural Concord Township, and Monroe Township. Troy schools have a tradition of providing young people with a quality education based on innovative curriculum and support services designed to meet student needs. The school district enjoys widespread community support that gives meaning to the phrase, "In Troy, Civic Pride is City Wide." The school district has one senior high school, one junior high and six elementary schools (kindergarten through sixth grade) composed of approximately 4,500 students.

Table 11-1 shows the total Troy City School District enrollment for the years of 2000-2003. The enrollment in this table is broken down by K-6, Junior High, and Senior High levels. The enrollment at the K-6 and Senior High levels has declined over the past four years. Enrollment at the Junior High level has fluctuated up and down. Total enrollment in the Troy City School District has declined by 256 students in the past four years.

	K-6	Junior High	Senior High	Totals
2000	2,456	731	1,485	4,672
2001	2,378	732	1,460	4,570
2002	2,286	773	1,433	4,492
2003	2,254	740	1,422	4,416
Average	2,343.5	744	1,450.0	4,537.5

Table 11-1 Troy City School District Enrollments 2000-2003

Table 11- 2 shows the Troy City School District enrollment by building. Troy currently has nine school facilities, including six elementary buildings, one Junior High and one Senior High. Total enrollments at these facilities have declined overall. Yet even though the total enrollments at these facilities have declined, the capacity at some has been surpassed.

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	24 students	30 students
Concord	568	520	537	533	537	504	630
Cookson	475	475	464	456	433	480	600
Forest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Heywood	373	423	354	314	328	384	480
Hook	339	344	341	342	325	312	390
Kyle	302	301	284	258	260	312	260
VanCleve	398	393	398	383	371	480	600
Junior High	756	731	732	773	740	672	840
Senior High	1,506	1,485	1,460	1,433	1,422	1,488	1,860

Table 11-2 Troy City School District Enrollment by Building 1999-2003

The last two columns of Table 11-2 show the estimated capacity for each building first with a scenario of 24 students per classroom and last with 30 students per classroom. Generally, a better education is provided where the student-teacher ratio is smaller, so 24 students per classroom is a preferred goal. In 2003, Concord Elementary, Hook Elementary, and the Junior High surpassed their capacities, considering the lower ratio of 24 students per classroom. This has prompted the Board of Education to review the capacities of each building and begin to make plans for realignment, building additions, or construction of new buildings. Community focus groups and strategic planning sessions have helped the Board to determine the needs and desires of parents, teachers, and interested citizens. Construction levies may be included on future ballots for the voters' consideration. The Board intends to act before a crisis is reached, to protect the futures of the school children and the excellent reputation of Troy schools.

Miami East School District

Located in the east of Troy, the Miami East School District covers the rural area of Lost Creek, Brown, Elizabeth, and Staunton Townships, in addition to a small part of northeast Troy. The district boundaries are shown on Figure 11-1, located at the end of this chapter.

Prior to 2004, Miami East had one High School, one Junior High, and three elementary schools. As part of a multi-year capital improvement program, a "super-campus" has been developed north of Casstown. A new elementary school has completely replaced the smaller schools, which have been sold. The new school was built at the same site as the high school and the junior high school.

Total student enrollment for the district has actually declined slightly, from 1,319 in 2000-2001, to 1,291 in 2001-2002, and 1,293 in 2002-2003. Miami East expects the new super-campus arrangement will allow for flexibility in meeting student population fluctuations and result in reduced costs from previous years of operating multiple buildings. As a rural district, all students were already bussed, so transportation costs were not a factor in the building decisions.

Upper Valley Joint Vocational School

The Upper Valley Joint Vocational School (UVJVS) in Piqua includes the Troy City School District in its service area. UVJVS provides vocational training for high school juniors and seniors and operates a state-designated full-service Adult Education Center for on-going adult training. Customized training is also available to meet the continuing needs of businesses and industries. Consultants can tailor and deliver ongoing custom training programs. UVJVS hosts approximately 850 high school students on its main campus and nearly 1,300 students at satellite programs housed in associate school districts. Both the high school and adult division programs are focused towards building career skills. In cooperation with area businesses and industries, UVJVS has built an outstanding core curriculum and a reputation as one of the best in the state of Ohio

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

The Troy community offers a number of private education alternatives for students in kindergarten through twelfth grades. They include:

St. Patrick Catholic School

This Catholic parochial school, located at 420 east Water Street, serves a total of 206 students in grades K-6. The school has been operated by St. Patrick Catholic Church for many years.

Miami Montessori School

This is an elementary school that follows the Montessori Method, which has individualized learning plans for each student. The Miami Montessori serves students between the ages of 3 and 12, and has a current population of 72 students.

Troy Christian Schools

The privately operated Troy Christian Schools have been growing in Troy for about twenty years. They include an elementary school and a high school, both located in Troy near I-75. These schools stress Christian education and attract students from not only Troy, but from communities as much as 20 miles away. The elementary school has grades K-6 and serves 206 students. It also has a pre-school program for children from 3 to 5 years of age. The high school was added about ten years ago, and has been growing. It now serves 155 students in grades 7-12. Troy Christian Schools are members of the Association of Christian Schools International.

Daystar Christian School

This small private school, located at 410 North Elm Street, serves grades kindergarten through twelfth and currently has a student population enrollment of 29.

LOCAL COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, AND ADULT/CONTINUING EDUCATION

There are several colleges, universities and adult/continuing education facilities located in close proximity of the City of Troy. In addition to those listed in the following paragraphs, the City of Troy is a short distance from popular local colleges and universities such as Sinclair Community College, Wittenberg University, Urbana University, Cedarville College, Wright State University, and the University of Dayton.

Hobart Institute of Welding Technology

The Hobart Institute of Welding Technology was founded in 1930 and has trained over 80,000 students from around the world in advanced welding techniques. Recognized as the premiere teaching institute in the welding field, the Hobart Institute offers a variety of certification programs requiring up to nine months of classroom and laboratory work.

Edison State Community College

Edison State Community College was established in Piqua approximately thirty years ago. This junior college offers two-year degree programs, certifications, general education classes and transfer programs for universities. Edison has a growing business and industry center to support the skill development needs of area businesses. Edison recently launched a major new research and training initiative for the plastics industry.

LIBRARIES

Troy-Miami County Public Library

The Troy-Miami County Public Library is located at 419 West Main Street and is open seven days a week. This public library offers approximately 190,000 books, magazines, and periodicals for patrons. It also has services such as photocopiers, videos, audio cassettes, compact discs, references, pamphlets, large print books, talking books for the blind, home-bound delivery, a bookmobile, special collections for schools, subscriptions to 250 magazines, and multiple computer terminals for access to the Internet. The Troy-Miami County Public Library and the Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library share collections and other services, including holdings in an online catalog.

The library also offers a number of programs for children and families, such as a summer reading club, outreach services to nursing homes and senior citizens, family fairs, and story times for toddlers and preschoolers. The Friends of the Library is an organization whose members support the Troy-Miami County Public Library by volunteering their help during the two fund-raising book sales held each year.

The Troy Historical and Genealogical Library

Until 2002, the Troy History Room, also known as the Troy Historical and Genealogical Library, was located at the Troy-Hayner Cultural Center. The Troy-Miami Public Library purchased the property located at 100 West Main Street to house the Genealogical Library, which was reopened in 2003.

The Troy Historical Society serves about 3,000 people a year from all over the United States. Patrons are usually researching family history or looking for historical documents from the Troy and Miami County Area.

The new facility functions as a research library and features books, maps, manuscripts, wills, and land records. An extensive micro film catalog includes Miami County and City of Troy marriage records and birth and death records. A small staff of library employees and Troy Historical Society volunteers are on hand to help guide visitors through the library's materials.

QUASI-PUBLIC COMMUNITY FACILITES

Quasi-public uses are open for use by the community, but may be privately owned or are not as accessible as fully public facilities. These include religious facilities such as churches, utilities such as power and water service plants, certain health services and retirement and nursing facilities serving the elderly.

Religious Institutions

In days gone by, most churches were located in Downtown Troy so their congregants could walk from their homes to nearby services. As society has changed, churches have changed as well. Today's churches typically have larger memberships, and offer services and programs on most days of the week. Newer churches have been built on larger sites with larger structures, parking lots, and private open space to better serve their wide spread, larger congregations. Over twenty religious worship facilities are provided within Troy and the surrounding areas

HEALTH SERVICES

The Miami Valley Region has a total of fourteen hospital facilities, one of which is located in the Troy area, providing a full range of diagnostic and treatment services. Troy and the surrounding area also benefit from a network of convenient outpatient and

inpatient medical treatment facilities. This is especially true in the case of outpatient facilities; having services available close to work and home can minimize pain, expense and time in treatment, and may also result in a quicker recovery time.

Upper Valley Medical Center

In 1998, the Upper Valley Medical Center opened its doors. This new hospital, located north of Troy along I-75, was an important step in preserving convenient health care services for the Troy community. The former Stouder Hospital in Troy and the Piqua Memorial Hospital were becoming obsolete and were too small for economic feasibility. The new acute care facility was designed for optimum accessibility and flexibility to best serve the Miami County's changing health care needs. Approximately 222,000 square foot in size, Upper Valley Medical Center has a total of 128 inpatient beds, including 71 individual medical/surgical, 20 semi-private medical/surgical, 10 intensive care, 11 rehabilitation, and 16 maternity rooms.

Several other regional hospitals and medical care facilities are available to patients in Troy, including Children's Medical Center, Charles F. Kettering Medical Center, Good Samaritan Hospital, Grandview, and Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton and Wilson Memorial Hospital in Sidney.

Dettmer Behavioral Health Services

The former Dettmer Hospital, located adjacent to Upper valley Medical Center, is one of Ohio's most comprehensive providers of behavioral medicine programs. Highly individualized chemical dependency and psychiatric treatment programs are provided for all ages. Adjacent to the Dettmer facility is the 26 bed Adolescent Residential Center, which provides a cost-effective transitional step between inpatient and outpatient services. This full continuum of care has been developed to enable the most effective, fiscally responsible treatment for each individual. The wide scope of services and excellent patient/staff ratios allow Dettmer professionals to carefully tailor programs so each patient receives the highest quality treatment in the most cost-effective setting.

UVMC Cancer Care Center

The UVMC Cancer Care Center is approved by the American College of Surgeons, Commission on Cancer, and is committed to the Commission's high standards of performance improvement, outcome measurements, cost effectiveness, and collaboration with physicians, Hospice, the American Cancer Society, and other health care service agencies. The center provides a comprehensive continuum of cancer services to patients and their families, focusing on education, prevention, early detection, and treatment of cancer. The patient-centered model of care enables the center to practice in a comprehensive manner and recognizes the impact cancer has on the lives of individuals and their families.

UVMC Dialysis Center

The UVMC Dialysis Center offers treatment for kidney failure via dialysis, a process that enables the body to use an artificial method of removing wastes from the bloodstream. They offer patients two kinds of dialysis: outpatient hemodialysis and continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD). Center patients receive their hemodialysis treatments in a clinical environment that is cheerful and homelike. Once treatment begins, patients can relax in comfortable recliner chairs and read, watch television, or listen to music.

The UVMC South Outpatient Care Center

The UVMC South Outpatient Care Center on South Dorset Road in Troy is a close-tohome facility designed to help make outpatient care convenient for area communities. Services available include occupational health, physical/occupational therapy, and laboratory and radiology services. In addition, medical professional offices are provided for both general and specialized medical doctors.

Stanfield Place

Similar to the Outpatient Care Center, UVMC's Stanfield Place, on Stanfield Road in Troy, provides laboratory and radiology services as well as medical professional offices.